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# ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

## Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF NEW JERSEY.

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GRAND COUNCIL ROOM, MASONIC HALL, }  
 Tuesday, September 9th, A. D. 1862, A. D. 2862. }

The most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey, convened in Annual Assembly in the City of Trenton, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, on the above date, there being present—

M. P. THOMAS J. CORSON,	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R. P. ISRAEL BALDWIN,	<i>Dep. Ill. Master, p. t.</i>
“ JOHN P. NELSON,	<i>Grand Ill. Master, p. t.</i>
“ JAMES TAYLOR,	<i>G. P. C. of the Work, p. t.</i>
“ JOSEPH H. HOUGH,	<i>Grand Recorder.</i>
“ WILLIAM R. CLAPP,	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ CHARLES BECHTEL,	<i>G. Capt. of Guards, p. t.</i>
“ GEORGE W. THOMSON,	<i>Grand Marshal, p. t.</i>
“ THOMAS PENNINGTON,	<i>Grand Steward, p. t.</i>
“ AMOS HOWELL,	<i>Grand Sentinel.</i>

The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The Grand Master appointed Companions Joseph H. Hough, Israel Baldwin and John P. Nelson, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following, which was on motion received, and the committee discharged:  
 TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY:

The Committee on Credentials would report that the following Grand Officers and Representatives are present, and entitled to seats:

M. P. Thomas J. Corson,	Grand Master.
R. P. Joseph H. Hough,	Grand Recorder.
“ William R. Clapp,	Grand Treasurer.
“ Amos Howell,	Grand Sentinel.

Councils represented as follows:

Kane Council, No. 2—Israel Baldwin, Dep. Ill. Master.

Gebal Council, No. 3—Joseph H. Hough, T. Ill. Master; William R. Clapp, Dep. Ill. Master; John P. Nelson, P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. HOUGH,  
ISRAEL BALDWIN,  
JOHN P. NELSON.

Trenton, Sept. 9, 1862.

Visitors present—Theophile Frey, William D. Sinclair, William T. Nicholson, of Gebal Council, No. 3, Trenton.

It was on motion of R. P. Joseph H. Hough ordered, that all Royal and Select Masters in good standing be admitted as visitors.

The minutes of the last Annual Assembly were commenced to be read by the Grand Recorder, when it was on motion of R. P. William R. Clapp ordered, that the further reading be dispensed with.

The M. P. Grand Master read his address, as follows:

#### ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

As we meet again in annual assembly to legislate for Cryptic Masonry and exchange fraternal greetings, let us return our sincere thanks to the Father of all mercies, for the kindness and long-enduring forbearance which he has vouchsafed to exercise towards us. Through His merciful and unmerited generosity, we are permitted again to meet in the Ninth Arch there to offer up our praise and thanksgiving for the health, prosperity and countless comforts which He has granted to us, who are but pensioners upon his bounty. Let our hearts be filled with gratitude to the beneficent Grand Master who has thus signally blessed us, and who has again permitted us to assemble together to enjoy the pleasure of social communion and hold sweet converse with one another.

My official acts during the past year have been but few, and none of them were of sufficient importance to require that they should be reported to you. I have visited no Council in our jurisdiction, except Gebal Council, No. 3, of which I am a member. In that but a small amount of work has been done, for reasons connected with the disturbed condition of our country, which are apparent to you all, and which have operated so disastrously upon all branches of Freemasonry.

On the eleventh day of June last, I visited the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, whose last annual assembly was held at Easton. I was received with the honor due to

your representative, and the kindness characteristic of the Companions of the Keystone State, and was pleased to find a large number of Companions present. The Royal and Select Master's degree were conferred, and an excellent and erudite address was delivered by the M. P. Grand Master, that veteran in Cryptic Masonry, Ill. Companion Alfred Creigh.

Since our last annual assembly, Death has entered our midst and taken from us one who was revered and beloved by all who knew him. R. P. John H. Perkins, G. P. C. of W. of this Grand Council, died at the City of Washington, D. C., on the 16th of December, 1861. His remains were taken to Albany by a committee appointed for that purpose by Hoboken Lodge, No. 35, of this State. The members of Wadsworth Lodge, No. 417 of New York, of which Bro. Perkins was formerly a member, followed the body to the grave, where the funeral ceremonies were performed by Ill. Companion John Sheville, Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Council.

I recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on this subject, that the memory of the late lamented Companion be placed on perpetual record.

I should consider myself derelict to duty were I to allow this opportunity to pass without making any allusion to our country. The alarming condition of our national affairs calls for the prompt action of all who are governed by patriotism and a respect for justice. In this fearful crisis, when brother is fighting against brother, when the worst passions of the human heart are aroused, and when a formidable army, incited by unprincipled men to take up arms against their country, are seeking to overthrow that government which our fathers established, it is required of us to know where we stand. We can occupy but one position, for we cannot either by thought, word or deed, sympathize with, or apologize for, this most infamous rebellion. As Masons we must be true and loyal to our government and obedient to the laws of our country, for all our teachings inculcate that doctrine. We cannot be traitors without violating our Masonic obligations, and it is our clear duty to speak out plainly upon this all-absorbing topic, so that all men may see and know that we are true and loyal citizens, that no taint of treason belongs to us, that the leprous sore of disloyalty is unknown among us, and that we will always by our words and acts support our country against all enemies whomsoever. It has been truly and eloquently said that "it is sweet to die for one's country,"\* and it is equally true, although the sentiment may not appear so noble, that "it is sweet to live for our country," and if we would live for our country, we must do all in our power, by the exercise of such influence as we possess, to do all that

\* "*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*"

we can to support and maintain our country, particularly so in her hour of peril. Now is the time for us to cry aloud and spare not; now is the time for us to raise our voices and our arms in her defence; now is the time for us to show the world that Freemasons practice what they profess; and that we never, under any circumstances fear to declare our devoted and unhesitating loyalty to our distressed country.

Before leaving this position of honor, in which your friendship, more than my merits have placed me, let us, my Illustrious Companions, reason together, and inquire each of the other, whether we have truly and fully fulfilled the various duties which devolve upon us. Have we faithfully observed and diligently obeyed the commands of Him whom we acknowledge as our Master, who rules and governs all, and in whose hands our lives, and all that is dear in life are placed? Have we practiced those lessons of charity and universal benevolence which are so forcibly inculcated in the various degrees of Masonry? Have we sought out the needy and suffering, and relieved their wants? Have we administered consolation to the afflicted, and cheered the heart of the sorrowing? Have we been slow to anger, and forgiven for seventy times seven those who have offended us? Have we returned good for evil, have we done to others as we would wish to have others do to us, and have we prayed for those who have despitefully used us? Have we acted fairly and honorably with all men in our business transactions, scorning to take any unfair advantage of our fellows by means of that miserable refuge of dishonesty, known as "tricks of trade?" Have we endeavored by example, mild reproof and gentle admonition to turn our erring brothers from their evil ways? Have we, in short, practiced the *spirit* of the law which teaches us to do good and communicate? Alas! who can answer these questions affirmatively? And yet, if we have not done these things and more, we have been false to our professions, and we are Freemasons only in name. God grant to give us grace so to act in the future, that we may carry out to the fullest extent the excellent precepts of our beloved institution, and that we may so practice those tenets of our profession, brotherly love, relief and truth, that the world may know *by our deeds* that we are Freemasons.

THOMAS J. CORSON,

Grand Master.

It was, on motion of R. P. Joseph H. Hough, ordered, that the address be received and referred to a committee.

R. P. Companions William R. Clapp, John P. Nelson and Israel Baldwin were appointed said committee.

The Grand Recorder reported that he had received from

Kane Council,	Twenty-one Dollars,
Gebal Council,	Sixteen Dollars.

Making a total of Thirty-seven Dollars, which had been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was on motion received and ordered filed :

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report, that they have received the printed journals of the Grand Councils of Iowa, Indiana, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

IOWA. The Grand Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State met at Davenport, June 10, 1861, M. P. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation from four Councils in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, alludes to the organization of our Grand Council, and says we "deserve a welcome and recognition at our hands."

Afterward a committee reported a resolution of recognition, extending "the right hand of fellowship and welcome." Judging from their journal we would say that they are in a very successful and flourishing condition.

M. P. L. S. Swafford, of Iowa City, was elected Grand Master, and R. P. W. B. Langridge, of Muscatine, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA. The Grand Council of this State was held at Indianapolis, May 20th, 1862, M. P. William Hacker, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation from eleven Councils in attendance.

The Grand Master presented his annual address, giving his labor and suggestions in detail for the benefit of the Grand Council, together with a very good review of the Foreign Correspondence that has come to his hands.

The tabular statement appended thereto shows a membership of 392.

M. P. Solomon D. Bayless, of Fort Wayne, was elected Grand Master, and R. P. Francis King, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT. The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of New Haven, May 13th, 1862, M. P. Willis J. Good-

sell, Grand Master, presiding, with representatives from sixteen Subordinate Councils.

The address of the Grand Master is short, but well written.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report that they have only received the journals of two Grand Councils, and of course their labor was light. Cryptic Masonry in this State is in a flourishing condition.

M. P. William R. Higby, of Bridgeport, was elected Grand Master, and R. P. Lucius E. Hunt, of Hartford, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS. This State Grand Council held Assemblies March 12, June 13, and December 10th, 1861. The Annual Assembly was held December 10th, M. P. George W. Bentley, Grand Master, presiding; five Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master, though brief, contains interesting matter, worthy a perusal.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, written by Companion E. B. Moore, M. D., reviews the journals of five Grand Councils.

The usual amount of Grand Council business was transacted; we call it a flourishing and energetic body.

M. P. Luther L. Tarbell, of Boston, was elected Grand Master, and Solon Thornton, of Boston, Grand Recorder.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. H. HOUGH, Chairman.

Dated September 9th, 1862.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, presented the following report:

"That they recommend the address be spread on the minutes, and that a committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Ill. Companion John H. Perkins."

Which was, on motion, received, and the committee discharged.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee on the Grand Master's address, the M. P. Grand Master appointed as said committee R. P. Companions Joseph H. Hough, John P. Nelson and William R. Clapp.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Murphy & Bechtel, printing minutes,	- - -	\$39.00
Joseph H. Hough, for tin box,	- - -	3.00



It was on motion of R. P. Joseph H. Hough, ordered, that we proceed to the election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Master appointed Companions William T. Nicholson and William D. Sinclair tellers to conduct the election.

The tellers, after holding an election, announced the following result:

M. P. John Sheville, No. 4, Grand Master.

R. P. Charles M. Zeh, " 2, Dep. Ill. Master.

" John P. Nelson, " 3, Grand Ill. Master.

" Israel Baldwin, " 2, G. P. C. of Work.

" Jos. H. Hough, " 3, Grand Recorder.

" Wm. R. Clapp, " 3, Grand Treasurer.

The M. P. Grand Master, Thomas J. Corson, installed the G. Ill. Master, G. P. C. of Work, G. Recorder and G. Treasurer, all the elective officers who were present.

It was, on motion of R. P. Companion William R. Clapp, ordered, that an order be drawn for two dollars, to pay the Grand Sentinel for his services this day.

The committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order, reported the following, which was read and ordered to be laid over to the next Annual Assembly:

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. At the stroke of the Grand Master's gavel there shall be a general silence; and he who breaks silence without leave from the presiding officer, shall be subject to a public reprimand.

2. Under the same penalty, every Companion shall keep his seat, and observe strict silence whenever the Grand Master shall call to order.

3. No Companion is to speak more than once to the same question, unless by permission.

4. If, in the Grand Council, any member is twice called to order, at one Assembly, for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of the third offence of the same nature, the Grand Master may peremptorily order him to leave the Council Chamber for that session.

5. Whoever shall be so rude as to ridicule any Companion, or what another says, or has said, may be forthwith solemnly excluded the Assembly, and be declared incapable of ever being a member of this Grand Council, unless he publicly own his fault, and he be excused.

6. All motions are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, each Council having three votes, and the Grand Master two votes, in case that an equal number shall require his decision.

7. The opinions or votes of members may be signified by holding up the left hand, unless some member shall call for a vote by Councils, which shall be sustained by at least three members.

8. All members shall keep their places, except the Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Marshal, who are allowed to move from place to place, in the discharge of their duties.

9. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; and no member shall interrupt him, unless to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observes due order and decorum.

10. In case of the absence of the Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, when they or either of them shall be entitled to take the chair by succession, the Past Grand Officer present who is highest in rank (if his office shall have been elective) shall take it; and in case of the absence of both Present and Past Grand Officers, entitled to take the chair, the Master of the Senior Subordinate Council present shall take it.

11. Every proposition offered for consideration shall be in writing, if required by any member.

12. At any Annual Assembly of the Grand Council the following Standing Committees shall be appointed, to consist of three members each:

1. A Committee on Credentials of Members and Returns of Councils.
2. A Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.
3. A Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
4. A Committee on the Constitutions and By-Laws of Councils. To this Committee shall be referred all propositions to amend the Constitutions, General Regulations and Rules of the Grand Council; also all questions relative to the usages, privileges, customs, and work of the Fraternity.
5. A Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
6. A Committee on Finance.
7. A Committee on Unfinished Business of the previous Annual Assembly.

13. The Standing Committees shall not sit while the Grand Council is actually in session, unless on leave obtained, and shall all report at the same Assembly at which they were appointed, and be discharged at the close thereof, unless otherwise ordered, except the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and the Committee on Unfinished Business.

14. The following shall be the Order of Business and proceedings of the Grand Council, at each session of the Annual Assembly, except that the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth shall not be observed after the first session :

1. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.
2. Calling the Roll of Councils by the Grand Recorder.
3. The usual ceremonies of opening the Grand Council in ample form.
4. Reading and approving the minutes of any previous Special Assembly of the Grand Council, not before read and approved.
5. Address of the Grand Master, and action thereon.
6. Report of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and action thereon.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Reports upon Credentials of Members.
9. Reports on Unfinished Business of the previous Assembly.
10. Presentation and reference, or other disposition of Memorials, Petitions, and Communications.
11. Motions and Resolutions, and reference or other disposition of the same.
12. Reports of Standing Committees, and action thereon ; the Committees on Foreign Correspondence and Constitutions and By-Laws having the preference.
13. Reports of Special Committees, and action thereon.
14. Special Orders, (if any.)
15. Consideration of amendments to the Constitutions, General Regulations and Rules, (if any.)
16. Unfinished Business of previous sessions, (if any.)
17. Miscellaneous Business, not included in the above.
18. Reading and approval of the Minutes of the session.

15. Should the Order of Business not be concluded at the session at which it is first called, it shall be commenced at the succeeding session where it was left off, and so on throughout the Assembly ; taking up the Order of Business as in Rule 14 again when once finished, and going through with it in the same manner : Provided, nevertheless, that the reading and approval of the minutes shall be the last business in order at each session ; and that the appointment of a time for the election and installation of officers, and for the lectures, shall be in order at any time designated by the Grand Council.

16. The Rules of Order shall not be suspended at any time, except by unanimous consent.

17. These Rules may be amended at any time, by a vote of two-thirds of the Grand Council.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was received and placed on file :

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY :

The Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the current year, ending September 9, 1862 :

RECEIPTS.

1861. Sept. 10.	Balance in hands of the Treasurer,	\$19.00
" " "	Cash received of Grand Recorder,	18.50
1862. " 9.	" " " "	37.00
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		\$74.50

PAYMENTS.

1861. Sept. 10.	Cash paid Mason & Co., seal, Order No. 6,	\$6.00
" " "	Joseph H. Hough, " 7,	.18
" " "	Murphy & Bechtel, " 8,	10.00
" " "	Amos Howell, " 9,	2.00
1862. " 27.	Murphy & Bechtel, " 10,	20.00
" 9.	" " " 11,	19.00
" " "	Joseph H. Hough, " 12,	3.00
" " "	Amos Howell, " 13,	2.00
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Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$12.32

WM. R. CLAPP, Grand Treasurer.

Trenton, Sept. 9, 1862.

It was, on motion of R. P. Companion Joseph H. Hough, ordered,

"That the Grand Master be clothed with discretionary power to visit Scott Council, No. 1, and use his best endeavors to procure their returns to the Grand Council, and set them at work."

It was, on motion of R. P. Companion John P. Nelson ordered, that the proceedings of this Annual Assembly be printed.

The committee on the decease of Companion John H. Perkins, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were received and ordered to be spread on the minutes :

"WHEREAS, It having pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe to remove by death, since our last Annual Assembly, R. P. Companion John H. Perkins, late G. P. Conductor of Work; therefore

*Resolved*, That this Grand Council deeply deplore the loss of our R. P. Companion John H. Perkins, and tender its sympathies to the family of the deceased Companion, and that the Grand Recorder be directed to forward to them a copy of these resolutions."

The M. P. Grand Master made the following appointments:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| R. I. David T. Jeffries, | No. 1, G. Capt. of Guards. |
| " John R. Terry,         | " 4, Grand Marshal.        |
| " and Rev. A. L. Brice,  | " 4, } Grand Chaplains.    |
| " " G. M. Giger,         | " 3, }                     |
| " Samuel L. Johnston,    | 1, Grand Steward.          |
| " Amos Howell,           | 3, Grand Sentinel.         |

*Committee on Foreign Correspondence*—R. P. Companions Joseph H. Hough, William Mead and Moses Coddington.

*Committee on Finance*—R. P. Companions Thomas J. Corson, Charles M. Zeh and J. C. Chatterton.

*Grand Lecturer*—Elisha M. Smith, No. 2.

The minutes of this Assembly were read and adopted.

No further business offering, the Grand Council was closed in AMPLE FORM, to meet again in the City of Trenton, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday of September next, unless sooner convened by the proper authority.

JOSEPH H. HOUGH,  
Grand Recorder.

Trenton, September 9, 1862, A. D. 1862.

## LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

### SCOTT COUNCIL, No. 1—*New Brunswick.*

[NO RETURNS.]

### KANE COUNCIL, No. 2—*Newark.*

Meets on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

T. I. Comp.	Elisha M. Smith,	Master.
R. I. "	Israel Baldwin,	Deputy Master.
I. "	Ludlow Allen,	Prin. Cond. of Work.
"	David S. Battey,	Recorder.
"	David I. Camfield,	Treasurer.
"	Charles B. Thurston,	Captain of the Guard.
"	Joseph M. Smith,	Conductor.
"	Hugh Montgomery,	Sentinel.

#### MEMBERS.

William Mead,	William D. Kinney,	Viner J. Hedden,
J. K. Lewis,	C. H. Leonard,	S. Greenbalgh,
D. W. Morris,	J. R. Crocket,	A. St. John Chabre,
A. B. Wilcox,	Theodore Wilcox,	W. W. Bonnett,
I. Fairchild,	J. S. Higbee,	O. Doremus,
J. J. Terhune,	R. D. Wilde,	W. E. Stagg,
N. Condit,	R. G. Woodworth,	W. Tingley,
A. B. Whitehead,	J. H. G. Hawes,	J. Penny,
J. D. Freeman,	W. P. Condit,	J. R. Weeks,
George Booth,	L. F. Tronson,	F. K. Stagg,
S. J. Snyder,	G. F. Jocknick,	W. S. Aschenbach.
Charles M. Zeh,	James Peck,	

### GEBAL COUNCIL, No. 3—*Trenton.*

Meets on the 3d Thursday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

T. I. Comp.	Joseph H. Hough,	Master.
R. I. "	William R. Clapp,	Deputy Master.
I. "	John P. Nelson,	Prin. Cond. of Work.
"	*Harper Crozer,	Treasurer.
"	Wm. T. Nicholson,	Captain of the Guard.
"	George M. Giger,	Chaplain.
"	Charles Bechtel,	Conductor.
"	John Woolverton,	Marshal.
"	William D. Sinclair,	Steward.
"	Amos Howell,	Sentinel.

\*Deceased.

## MEMBERS.

Charles H. Brightly,  
Thomas J. Corson,  
James E. Emerson,  
Isaac Frank,  
Theophile Frey,  
Abram R. Harris,  
William Hewett,  
Charles Hodge,

Charles H. Higginson,  
John Mars,  
Robert S. Manning,  
John H. Margerum,  
George W. Thomson,  
James Taylor,  
Gerry L. Taylor,

Thomas Pennington,  
George Painter,  
Henry R. Fell,  
William W. Goodwin,  
William H. Kieper,  
Charles Schulhaus,  
Philip H. Wentz.

DELTA COUNCIL, No. 4—*Hoboken.*

## OFFICERS.

T. I. Comp.	John Sheville,	Master.
R. I. "	John R. Terry,	Deputy Master.
I. "	John C. Chatterton,	Prin. Cond. of Work.

## MEMBERS.

\*John H. Perkins,  
James N. Piper,  
A. L. Brice,  
William T. Woodruff,  
D. S. Sinclair,  
Samuel M. Chambers,  
Michael V. Banta,

Edward Bootes,  
C. P. Colvin,  
George W. Geer,  
M. R. Demarest,  
Sarena Benedicks,  
Bethuel N. Crane,  
William Letts,

Hazen Kimball,  
Charles Little,  
George E. Beach,  
Walter Vanderzee,  
James R. Hill,  
William Armstrong,  
William Hersee.

\*Deceased.

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